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OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS.

It is hereby notified that, until further orders, the *Evening Mail*, *China Mail*, and *Overland China Mail* will be the official medium of all Notifications proceeding from Her Britannic Majesty's Consulate at Canton.

D. B. ROBERTSON,
Consul.British Consulate,
Canton, 16th April, 1866.

It is hereby notified that, until further orders the *Evening Mail*, *China Mail* and *Overland China Mail* will be the official medium of all Notifications proceeding from Her Britannic Majesty's Consulate at Amoy.

R. SWINHOE,
Consul.British Consulate,
Amoy, 24th April, 1866.

INTIMATIONS.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s NOTICES.

"CHINA MAIL" OFFICE.
PUBLISHED AT THIS OFFICE,
NO. 2 WYNDHAM STREET,
BACK OF THE CLUB.

1. THE EVENING MAIL.
A DAILY PAPER.

PRICE.—\$2 per Month.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING.—First insertion, Ten lines and under \$1; each additional line, 10 cents. Subsequent insertions, per Week, 50 cents and 5 cents. ("AUCTION" Notices are excepted, for which only one charge per week is made.)

2. THE CHINA MAIL.
AN ORIGINAL WEEKLY PAPER.
(EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT.)

PRICE.—\$15 per Annum; Single Copies, 44 cents.

ADVERTISING.—Same as *Evening Mail*.
THE CHINA MAIL HAS BEEN PERMANENTLY ENLARGED IN SIZE, namely from 4 to 6 full pages. It is the only weekly paper published in China which contains a complete summary of Hongkong news as well as that from the treaty ports of China and Japan, and from Manila, Australia, India and the Straits. Its circulation, which has of late considerably increased, extends throughout the courts of those countries as well as to various parts of Europe. Great facilities are thus afforded to Advertisers in this newspaper.

3. OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.
CONSISTING OF 8 FULL PAGES, and containing the articles in the *EVENING AND CHINA MAILS* with Summary of News and Commercial Summary.

ONCE A FORTNIGHT.

THE MORNING OF THIS MAIL'S DESPATCH.
PRICE.—To Subscribers to the Weekly issue, \$8; to Non-subscribers, \$12. Single Copies 50 cents.

ADVERTISING.—The same as in the Weekly. All "NOTICE OF FIRMS" appearing in the Weekly will be inserted in the *Overland*, and charged for, unless otherwise ordered.

A. SHORTEDE & Co.
Hongkong, 17th May, 1866.

NOTICE.

MESSRS A. SHORTEDE & Co. would draw the attention of parties advertising to the facilities offered by the alterations lately made in the management of the Firm for repetitions in Chinese of Notices respecting Shipping and Mercantile affairs generally. These advertisements will at first be inserted in the Supplemental Sheet, and should a sufficient number be sent in will be published on a separate slip.

TERMS FOR ADVERTISING.
For the Current Week.

If translated by Messrs SHORTEDE & Co. \$1 for the first fifty characters, beyond that number one cent per character.

If sent in already translated into Chinese 50 cents for the first fifty characters, beyond that number one cent per character.

Repetitions half-price.

Copperplate Bill Heads and Visiting Cards promptly and neatly executed. Paper and Envelopes embossed with Crests, Initials, &c.

A. SHORTEDE & Co.
"China Mail" Office,
Hongkong, January 25, 1866.

NOTICE.

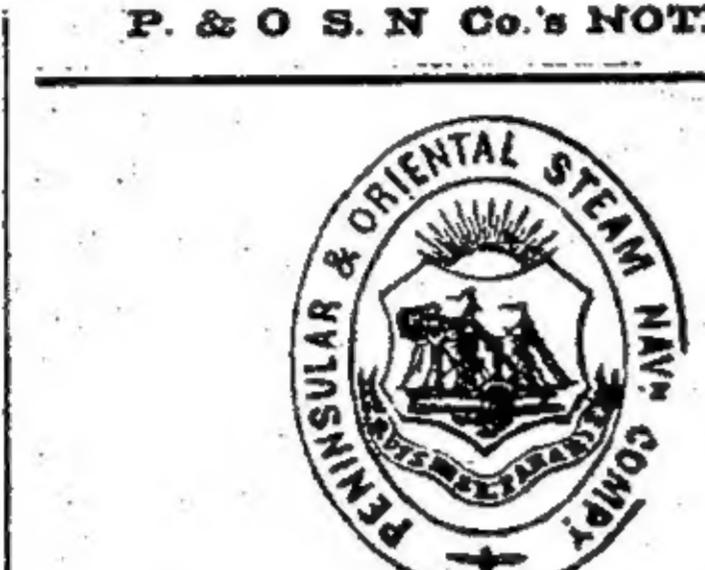
THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAM-BOAT COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third CALL, of \$25 each, due upon the Shares of this Company, will be due and payable on the 6th day of August next, at the Offices of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Company, Limited, Hongkong, where receipts will be granted for the amount by the Manager, which receipts can be exchanged for Share Certificates at the Office of the Company on and after the said 6th day of August next.

Interest at the rate of twelve per cent per annum will be charged on all amounts unpaid.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
(Signed) AUGUSTINE, HEARD & Co.
General Agents.

Hongkong, July 5, 1866.



P. & O. S. N. Co.'s NOTICES.

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS OF TREASURE.

To facilitate the work of Shippers, the Company have arranged to receive any Treasure intended for Shipment in their Offices in the Queen's Road.

Treasure will be received in the manner and day between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., up to the day preceding that of the Steamer's departure. Should the hour fixed for leaving be later than Noon, shipments will be received on the day of departure, from 7 to 9 A.M.

Shippers desiring to avail of this arrangement will please send along with their Treasures Shipping Orders and Receipts carefully filled up with Marks, Description, and Destination, and if the Bills of Lading are delivered at the same time the work will be greatly facilitated.

The Company of course except the "risk of boats" &c., as covered by ordinary Marine Insurance.

With reference to the foregoing notice, it is hereby intimated that the Company's Godowns are now ready for the reception of Opium and other cargo for shipment in the Company's Steamers, under the same condition as stated above.

THOS. SUTHERLAND,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 1st August, 1864.

MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.

COMPAGNIE DES SERVICES MARITIMES DES MESSAGERIES IMPERIALES.

STEAM FOR
Shanghai and Yokohama.

SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, MARSEILLES, AND SOUTHAMPTON;

ALSO BOMBAY, MADRAS, AND CALCUTTA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "SWATOW, AMOY AND FUZHOU."

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steam-ship "GANGEN" will leave for the Place TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at Daylight, despatches close at 5 P.M., on THURSDAY.

W. R. DALZIEL,
Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, July 25, 1866.

STEAM FOR
Shanghai and Yokohama.

THE Steam-ship "LABOURDONNAIS" Captain FEUILLON, will leave for the above Ports immediately after the Arrival of the next French Mail.

A. CONIL,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 24, 1866.

NOTICE.

THE following Cases are still unclaimed and are lying in the "Messageries Imperiales" Parcel Room, at risk and Expense of the Consignees, who are requested to take immediate delivery:

From Bombay.—N/M. . 2 pieces and 1 Bundle Ivory.

From Marseilles.—

L. (in diamond), . 1 Case Books.

J. L. & Co., No. 11, . 1 do. Glassware.

Puscole Pustoveth, 1 do. Preserves

M. L. G. I., . 1 Baggage.

Ex "Donat,"

B. G. 1, 1 chest Photographic Apparatus.

L. T. 221, . 1 chest Baggage.

Ex "Alphe" From Marseilles.—

W. C., (in diamond), 11 cases Merchandise.

K. & Co., . 1 do. Rifles.

J. L. 55/57/60, 63/67, 10 " do.

L. E. 5/6, . 2 " do.

S. C., 55/69/70, . 2 " Colours.

A. CONIL,
Agent.

Hongkong, July 16, 1866.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo by the Messageries Imperiales Steamer "Alphe" are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

A. CONIL,
Agent.

Hongkong, June 29, 1866.

MISCELLANEOUS.

DINNEFORD'S FLUID MAGNESIA.

Is the great Remedy for ACIDITY OF STOMACH, HEADACHE, HEARTBURN, INFLAMMATION, SOUP ERUPTION AND BILIOUS AFFECTIONS.

It is the Physician's Cure of GOUT.

RHEUMATIC GOUT, GRAVEL, and other complaints of the Bladder, and in the cases of

FEVER and EXCESSIVE INFLAMMATION OF SKIN

It produces great cooling effects. As a safe and gentle Medicine for Infants, Children, Delicate Females, and for the sickness of Pregnancy, DINNEFORD'S MAGNESIA is indispensable, and when taken with the Acidulated Lemon Syrup forms

A DELIGHTFUL EFFERVESCENT SALINE.

AND APRICORN.

Prepared by

DINNEFORD & CO.,

CHEMISTS.—LONDON.

And sold by Druggists and Storekeepers throughout the World.

CAUTION.—No Air-Chamber Hats or Helmets are genuine, unless they bear on the lining "ELLWOOD & SONS" name.

* * Orders through Mercantile Houses carefully shipped.

MACHINERY.

M. R. A. F. YABROW, Engineer, contracts for

all kinds of Machinery, and will furnish prices and full particulars on application—33, Cornhill, London, E.C.

TUPPER & COMPANY.

Manufacturers of

GALVANIZED CORRUGATED IRON, IRON ROOFING,

SHEDS, BUILDINGS, CHURCHES, SCHOOLS, &c.,

61a, MOORGATE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, June 21, 1866.

ACCUMULATED FUNDS £2,233,927.

ANNUAL REVENUE £497,263.

THE Undersigned AGENTS at Hongkong

for the above Company are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or

on Merchandise in the same.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1866.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr

THOMAS S. ODELL in our Firm, ceased on the 31st December, 1865 and Mr JAMES PENNER DUNCAN was admitted a Partner on the 1st July.

DEACON & CO.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1866.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day retired from the Business heretofore carried on by me in favor of my Nephew Mr JOHN STEWARD LAPRAIK.

D. LAPRAIK.

Hongkong, July 2, 1866.

NOTICE.

MR ADOLPHUS T. EIMBOCKE has

this day been admitted a Partner in our Firm.

CARLOWITZ & CO.

Canton, July 1, 1866.

NOTICE.

WE have this day established a Branch

of our Firm at Hongkong.

Office No. 2 d'Aguilar Street, formerly

Bank of India.

CARLOWITZ & CO.

Canton, July 1, 1866.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS STOCK IN TRADE,

PLANT, &c., of Messrs A. SHORTEDE & CO. as well as the Proprietorship of their several publications has been disposed of to

Mr NICHOLAS BELFIELD DENNIS: and the Undersigned hereby gives notice that his Interest and Responsibility in the Firm ceases on the 1st July 1866.

EDWARD ANDREWS.

Hongkong, June 29, 18

THE CHINA MAIL.
PUBLISHED WEEKLY.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 26TH JULY, 1866.

DEATH.

On board the British ship *Queen of the Age*, on his passage to England, John FRANCIS FAWCETT, of the Firm of Fawcett & Co., Hongkong.

ECHOES OF THE WEEK.

Massacre of two French Bishops and seven Priests in Corea—Chosiu's reported surrender to the Tycoon—Opening of Hsiao-hai—New tariff in Japan—Conclusion of Belgian treaty—Disturbances at Ningpo—Chinese Hospital at Foochow—Meeting of Legislative Council at Hongkong—Decision respecting Agra Bank notes—Execution of pirates—Destruction of piratical junks by H. M. Ships "Osprey" and "Opposum"—Dr. Woodward's Court Martial—Izeboon exchange.

There has been no lack of news both political and social to afford material for afternoon gossip during the past week. The *Ganges* brought us intelligence of the massacre of two French Bishops and seven priests in Corea, a general persecution of the Christians in that out of the way corner of the world having been inaugurated by order of the father of the youthful prince who, nominally under China, exercises the functions of King. The unfortunate gentlemen were it is stated first cruelly tortured and then beheaded. One comfort is that the French will probably exact a heavy penalty for this little piece of amusement on the part of the Coreans, though doubtless the *Brightish* section of the British community will feel horribly annoyed at the idea of France going to war with a poor unoffending nation because she has an "idea" that her priests should not be massacred. Would that a deputation of peace mongers would wait on the French Emperor to urge clemency and be served in the way certain ambassadors were of old. For any treatment short of crucifixion Great Britain would surely demand no redress. What however is England going to do? Is France to be permitted to occupy and then annex Corea or are we to have a finger in the pie. If the saying that "one good turn deserves another" has any weight with us we must aid in teaching the top knotted savages that the conquerors of Peking are yet alive and as dangerous as ever—that the foreign ministers in Peking are not (as they are carefully informed) tribute bearers; and that the torture of a few bishops more or less however unimportant in Corean eyes has a certain amount of importance attached to it in the Councils of the west—no matter what their nationality.

From Shanghai there is no news whatever, but from Shanghai papers we learn that Chosiu and his son are said to have yielded to the authority of the Tycoon. Hsiao-hai is also said to be in a fair way of being opened, but as our Japanese friends are no fool they will probably continue to put off the evil day as long as possible.

The new tariff has come into operation and one English and one American gentleman are about to assist the Japanese to carry out the new bonded warehouse regulations. The Belgian treaty was to have been concluded within a few days of the Mail's departure, and the Italian's have sent a frigate, whose Captain is also Envoy extra ordinary, to form a treaty on behalf of that country. There has been a "rice riot" in the suburbs of Yedo, but altogether Japanese news may be considered satisfactory.

From Ningpo we learn that there has been a sort of "faction fight" between the fishermen and the imperial troops. The former had been placed under a sort of conscription, one man being demanded for service out of every boat. Neither side can as yet claim the victory which seems to incline alternately to each. As many as 300 boats are said to have assembled and to have almost blockaded the port.

From Foochow we hear of nothing but benevolence. The foreign merchants are endeavouring to raise a Chinese hospital similar to that at Shanghai and have subscribed liberally towards it—a very creditable act.

Of local news the most important is that respecting the meeting of the Legislative Council of which a report will be found in our columns. The clear and straightforward course pursued by the Governor will meet with the respect and approbation of the Colony, though our pockets are likely to suffer by an increase of taxation. The Ordinance respecting pirates, also read yesterday is discussed in our leading columns and various other measures for the good of the Colony were introduced. Two new members of the Council, whose election moreover has given almost universal satisfaction—Messrs JOHN DENT and H. B. GIBB—were sworn in yesterday.

An important decision, reported elsewhere respecting the right of holders of notes on the Agra Bank to recover their value, has been given by the Honorable Mr. WHITE. The decision will we hear be appealed against.

On the 26th three of the five pirates lately sentenced to death were executed in the Gaol compound. One of them died hard as the phrase is, the others shewing some sense of the fate which had overtaken em.

The great event of the week however so far as active movements are concerned is the destruction of 23 pirate junks in Sanay bay by H. M. Ships *Opposum* and *Osprey*. They seem to have done their duty thoroughly well and more than disinterestedly; for a large amount of cargo was burnt in the junks which had been sold would have realized a very handsome amount of prize money. Sooner than risk this again falling into piratical hands it was destroyed. We are glad to learn that the Commodore has mentioned the officers employed most favourably to the home authorities. The Mandarin who accompanied the party was unfortunately killed through an excess of bravery.

A Court Martial has been dragging its slow length along for some days. The prisoner was Dr. Woodward of H. M. 20th Regiment and the charges against him apparently amounted to the fact that he had in the use of his discretion as a medical man, overstepped the boundaries of military etiquette. We have no particular sympathies for or against Dr. Woodward, such matters being to us "news" which it is our function to prepare for our readers; but we protest against the want of courtesy shown to the press by the Court or more correctly the President of the Court—who has made himself the laughing stock of military circles by giving our reporter a written memo! We have no desire to lessen the respect due to a Court or its President but surely the latter must be aware that his power extends only to an exclusion of the public during such part of the proceedings as he judge is fit and not to the question of whether what is heard by the public, shall be printed or not. In cases involving serious results—such as the recent Jambalou outrages—we can understand the Court forbidding the admission of the public or permitting it under a pledge of non-publication of the proceedings, in order that the public mind may not be further excited to the prejudice of the government or the prisoner. But when the latter is a medical man charged with a merely technical offence and no moral crime whatever, it looks absurd to act in the way the president of Dr. Woodward's Court Martial has thought fit to do. People say that the Doctor had a finger in the Izeboon exchange question, or rather had to do with bringing it forward, which is held to account for the animosity displayed towards him of late in various matters. Of this we have no means of judging but if true, it certainly looks "queer."

By the way no answer has been vouchsafed to the few questions we propounded a fortnight since relative to the exchange scandal. If everything is quite square and "above board" how much wiser it would be to answer or deny the imputations of (to say the least of it) gross errors which those questions put forth. However the Military Commission now being appointed to enquire into the matter will probably clear up this and many other like matters and we shall be rejoiced to bear witness to the grossness of the mistake made by our correspondent in imputing such a mistake to the parties implicated should it turn out after all to be "nothing but a mare's nest."

MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
JULY 25, 1866.
PRESENT.

His Excellency the Governor,
The Hon. the Acting Chief Justice,
The Acting Colonial Secretary,
The Hon. the Attorney General,
The Hon. the Colonial Treasurer,
The Hon. Mr Whittall,
The Hon. Mr Dent,
The Hon. Mr Gibb.

The new unofficial members, Mr Gibb and Mr Dent were sworn in by the Governor.

It is at all times a pleasing duty for the Journalist to record events that reflect favourably upon those in power. It is not by any means a rule that persons in positions of responsibility acquit themselves, even under ordinary circumstances, in a manner to call forth general approval. On the contrary, half the press of the civilized world is employed, at least a moiety of its time, in pointing out shortcomings. Deeds of omission or of commission; want of tact; deficiency in judgement; and weakness or vacillation, where strength of mind and determination are required. We are, therefore, most happy to observe the clear statement of His Excellency the Governor, delivered at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday; and to mark the general satisfaction it has given to the community of this Colony.

It is not to be supposed that any man, however talented, however great his attainments, or however varied and extended his experience can be introduced into a strange sphere of action, with a most responsible position; ruling persons who have been many years on the spot and are acquainted with the necessities and peculiarities of the people; exercising an influence, for good or evil, that is all powerful and must lead or coerce very many others—it is not to be supposed, we say, that one in this position can during the first few months of office give satisfaction to everybody, or even to those who were from the first disposed to show every leniency and make every allowance for the peculiarities and difficulties of the position.

We regret much that a little more patience and little less acrimony have not been observed with reference to Sir RICHARD MACDONNELL. The new Ordinance relating to Piracy, and the plain yet comprehensive statement made by his Excellency yesterday will do much to remove that feeling of antagonism and dissatisfaction which was, we believe, beginning to spread itself somewhat diffusely among the residents of Hongkong.

With regard to the Ordinance there will probably arise differences of opinion in reference to some of the minor details, but the broad fact that its main features are calculated to check materially the progress of that Hydra-headed monster—Piracy, and bring to justice not only pirates themselves, but those who knowingly instigate, assist or harbor them, will not only add to the popularity which Sir RICHARD MACDONNELL—in spite of his detractors, has already acquired; but a feeling of security will extend itself among the seafaring portion of the community; and not only will that feeling be confirmed, but the more tangible and beneficial fact will be established, that the security is not a matter of feeling or imagination only but a positively achieved and experienced reality.

His Excellency after remarking that he judged it better not to defer a second reading certain explanations which if given early were likely to assist the deliberations of the Council referred to the prudence and forethought necessary in undertaking the difficult task of meeting the financial necessities of the Colony. He judged it best to meet the case boldly and examine the actual state of affairs, no matter how startling might be the discoveries arrived at. He then continued:—

"Taking the six years from 1860 to 1865 we find the following amounts received and expended.

	REVENUE.	EXPENDITURE.
1860	\$452,063	\$347,475
1861	610,757	526,233
1862	631,260	587,634
1863	576,204	586,395
1864	637,846	763,308
1865	843,444	937,805
TOTAL	\$3,751,574	\$3,748,850

Thus in six years whilst we find the Revenue steadily increasing till from \$452,063 it had risen to upwards of \$843,000, we also find the expenditure increasing so nearly in the same proportion, that at the end of these six years there was only the slight difference of \$3,724 in favour of the revenue, over expenditure for that period.

Looking first to the Revenue you will find that a large portion of its increase was derived from the sale of Land—and that out of the total amount \$670,273 received as premiums for land sold, since the foundation of this Colony, no less than \$602,956, were received during the six years from 1860 to the close of 1865.

We are, moreover, of opinion that the Revenue, in clause 10, for the public fogging of soundreys of tender years (under 16), might with immense advantage be extended to the backs of the more mature rascality, and that older miscreants should be attached to, not only rewarding informers, but making proper and ample provisions for their safety. They should in fact be encouraged to the utmost of our power.

Who can tell how many cases would have been discovered, or how many prisoners brought to well merited punishment had proper and sufficient inducements been offered to those who could—and would if well rewarded—give the necessary intelligence?

This, however, is a matter capable of being remedied, and we trust that due attention will be given to it hereafter.

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time his excitability became so great as to render him unaccountable for his actions—but this condition very soon ceased and on his arrival in Hongkong when he was under my special charge I found him perfectly sane and collected. I spoke to him on all subjects and always found him perfectly rational, and the fact of keeping him in Hospital, where he is almost in perfect solitude, with his liberty controlled by Col. Browne, is having a most prejudicial effect upon him, illnes leading him to contract habits which are telling considerably upon his nervous system and daily more likely to become permanent.

Whereas had he his liberty and simply restricted from duty for a short time, he would be able to associate freely with his friends and join in amusements to divert from his mind the unpleasant recollections of the last three months and his perverseness would daily wear away; for in the treatment of unsoundness of mind as in all illnesses, the proximity and exciting cause thereof should always be borne in mind in the course adopted for cure.

Gentlemen, in conclusion I wish to receive a few of the facts elicited in the examination of witnesses during the sitting of this Court. The first is that I believe myself to be fully borne out in the statement I made concerning Staff Surgeon Woolfrees, inasmuch as Dr. Dick and Surgeon Woolfrees when cross examined by me stated they cannot define or determine the nature of disease "Visana," for which Mr. Hyde is returned on the sick list, neither can they explain what particular condition of mental unsoundness it denotes or to what class of mental diseases it belongs, and I therefore beg respectfully to submit that any Medical man returning a patient under the head of a disease which he cannot thoroughly explain and define shows unquestionably a great want of judgment. And the Medical Regulations pages 106 and 107 distinctly direct Medical Officers when designating the various forms of mental unsoundness, to do so in accordance with the nomenclature therein laid down and where each form of insanity is distinctly defined. And I believe it to be the "usage" of the service to comply with those instructions, and I beg therefore to repeat that my statement was not an unfounded one.

I beg to be allowed to draw the attention of the Court to a statement made by Col. Browne in Court, when asked by me if he had complied with the recommendations contained in my letter of the 30th ultimo respecting Mr. Hyde, he stated that he had received no letter from me containing any representations but simply a copy of one I had sent to the principal Medical Officer or words to that effect.

Whereas Gentlemen if you will kindly refer to the letter in question you will see that it is addressed to the Adjutant for the information of Col. Browne. Now what construction can be put on my sending that letter to the Adjutant but the simple one that I did so with a view of having my recommendations carried out, as Col. Browne is perfectly well aware that it is neither essential nor customary for me to send him copies of the letters I address to the principal Medical Officer, and also that it is only the standing orders of the Battalion that direct me to communicate with him at all on such a matter, as there is nothing to that effect in the Queen's Regulations. And all the paragraphs in the Queen's and Medical Regulations referred to by the Prosecutor in support of his Authority, I submit in no way bear upon the subject, but apply simply to the discretionary power invested in a Commanding Officer to maintain the discipline of the Service and to decide whether he will or will not comply with the recommendations made by the Medical Officer regarding any sanitary measures affecting the troops generally, but they in no way refer to patients in Hospital or sick individually. And though I omitted, unintentionally, to send a memorandum until directed to do so by the Adjutant in conformity with the Battalion standing orders, under the circumstances of the case, and knowing I had the concurrence of the Principal Medical Officer one would imagine Col. Browne would be only too glad to carry out my professional recommendations I made which might tend to the re-establishment of Mr. Hyde's health. And as stated by the Principal Medical Officer in evidence before the Court, when I asked him if he ever knew an instance of a Commanding Officer refusing to comply with the professional recommendations of the Surgeon of a Regt. in a case similar to Mr. Hyde's, he replied "he never knew an instance."

But unfortunately there has been a great want of cordiality and good feeling existing between Colonel Browne and myself for the last 10 months especially, during which time we have never willingly had any intercourse except officially. And I cannot but think it is owing to the unfriendliness that exists between us that I was placed under arrest upon such charges, and I firmly believe many of my acts and motives have been misconstrued and the carrying out of my professional duties rendered unpleasant. My reason for making this statement is that I consider it essential the Court should see clearly the terms upon which the Prosecutor and myself stand. And I find I am perfectly justified in remarking in my defence the motives by which the Prosecutor may appear to me to have been influenced.

In Dr. Dick's letter of the 11th instant, addressed to the Ad. Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, together with those addressed to me of the 30th ultimo and of the 4th and 10th instant, as also from his evidence given before this Court when he stated "I do not see the fact of the Board sitting altered his position in any way as the prisoner was treated Dr. Hyde and received no instructions from the Board."

It will be clearly seen that I have the justification and concurrence of the Principal Medical Officer in having discharged Mr. Hyde from the sick list, and it is necessary for me to say anything further not on the subject of the third charge.

There are some letters I would have copied in full in my defence, but to which I have only been able to allude as unfortunately, I did not keep copies of them and Col. Browne refused to sanction my having the Hospital letter book to copy from.

Trusting you will give the whole matter your mature consideration. Firstly whether the statement I unfortunately made concerning Surgeon Woolfrees is founded or not.

Secondly am I to blame in any way for my urgently reiterated recommendations not having been carried out, and lastly am I not perfectly justified in adopting any course of treatment I conscientiously considered necessary for the reestablishment of my patient's health.

O. P. M. WOODWARD,

Surgeon 2nd Bat. 20th Regt.

July 23rd, 1866.

The prosecutor in this case stated his intention of replying and, at the adjourned sitting of the court this afternoon, the following protest was read by Dr Woodward:

MR PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN.—I beg most respectfully to submit that in accordance with the constitution and practice of Courts Martial by Simmonds, I stated nothing in my defense yesterday to entitle the Prosecutor to make any reply, as his doing so is only admissible under certain conditions, all of which are clearly defined in Simmonds' Courts Martial, 1863 page 251, Para. 598 and 599, and I beg respectfully to protest against his doing so.

THE Court Martial on Dr. Woodward has at last closed its proceedings and we now feel at liberty to make some comments on the case.

In a day or two we shall doubtless know the verdict and what that verdict will be, we opine, very clear. In our last night's issue we gave the defense in full so that our readers can now judge of the frivolous matter which has taken so long to investigate, the prisoner having gone fully and clearly into each charge.

Our readers may perhaps be somewhat surprised to hear that notwithstanding the protest entered by the prisoner respecting the Prosecutor's reply, the Court allowed it to be read. From what we can learn the Prosecutor not only reiterated the charges attempting to prove they were simply matters of discipline, but he also went very fully into the first charge, the one upon which we should imagine he is least capable of giving an opinion. And here we cannot but remark upon what seems to us somewhat strange, that in an enquiry of this sort, when the Prisoner is a Medical man and where the offences charged are all more or less of a professional nature, not a single Medical Officer was a member of the Court, which was composed (with but two exceptions) of men who are Commanding Officers or who, in the ordinary course of events expect to become so.

The Prosecutor was also (we are astonished to hear) allowed to read a letter purporting to have come from the Horse Guards, referring to some old correspondence of last year. In strict justice to the Prisoner we cannot but think that this letter should not have been read, or if read the correspondence which gave rise to it ought fully to have been stated to the Court, that the Prisoner might have had an opportunity of pointing out how far it was relevant or irrelevant to the matter before it. The evidence should strictly be confined to the case in question.

The Prosecutor's reply terminated the proceedings and he is evidently not to blame if Dr. Woodward is acquitted on the apparently trivial and petty charges upon which he has been brought to trial, and we cannot but think it fortunate for that gentleman that the Court decides as to guilt or not, the Prosecutor having no further voice in the matter.

Few would be surprised to hear that the court had stated they consider the Prosecutor has in this instance shown himself somewhat too zealous to maintain the discipline of his Regiment and to promote the welfare of (?) H.M. Service.

We have received a letter purporting to come from certain of the Garrison at Hongkong relative to the late Court Martial on Dr. Woodward with a request that we should publish it. This we cannot do as the imprudence of the writers in mentioning names and titles would render such a step highly undesirable. As, however, we have every reason to believe that the letter is bona fide we will allude to the views and statements expressed by the writers, premising that should these statements be incorrect they are easily contradicted.

Firstly it is stated that the men of the 20th Regt. were refused permission to attend the Court Martial. This for all we know may be quite in order, but it is a pity to give rise to remarks by making an open court a hole and corner affair.

It also appears that Dr. Woodward has quite gained the respect and confidence of the men who are not slow to discriminate between Medical officers who do, and those who don't do their duty, either in a professional or more private point of view. The last paragraph we publish verbatim:

The Curnel asks us one day on parade if we be all satisfied with the change we got in Japan. Of course we say yes because no good if we did say no we should be dead nuts on them, but we isn't satisfied and send you this by a cool because we was ordered not to give no information to the press so long as the Regt. will excuse us. We are Sir your humble servants.

2/XX REGIMENT.

To the Editor of the "EVENING MAIL," Club Hongkong, 26th July.

SIR.—I have carefully perused the little information you have been able to give us concerning the Court Martial now being held on Surgeon Woodward 2nd Battalion, 20th Regiment. From my knowledge of the services, having spent several years in it, I never knew or heard of any officer being twice within a month brought to a Court Martial and I never read such frivolous charges as those preferred against Surgeon Woodward. The three charges upon which he is now tried are more or less of a purely professional nature and do not therefore come under the jurisdiction of Courts Martial.

One thing is very clear that if a Surgeon is responsible for his patient's health no Commanding Officer has a right to interfere nor do I believe for a moment that such a thing is tolerated in the service. But Commanding Officers serving in China so far from the Horse Guards, seem to have an idea they can do what they choose, quite ignoring the fact that if somebody out here they are very small fry at home and certainly in a case of this kind would not presume to interfere, knowing right well if they did so, they would very soon be brought to account, not only by the General Officer

Commanding at the station, but by the Medical profession generally. For several months back there has been a scarcity of Candidates for the Army Medical Department. I think I am safe in prognosticating a still greater scarcity unless this matter is taken up warmly at home and His R. H., the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief, causes it to be fully explained both to General and Commanding Officers how far their authority extends, and how far it really exceeds that with which they are invested at home. The Major General commanding and Colonel Brown would, in my opinion, have shown much more zeal for the service in themselves arranging such petty quarrels than adopting such a rigorous proceeding as a General Court Martial.—The amount of Military scandal that has been brought before the public within the last few years convinces me that the interior administration and organization of some Regiments requires to be rigidly looked into—

Although the charges preferred against Dr Woodward on the first Court Martial have not been published, I have heard the particulars of them and they are in my opinion, quite as trivial as those now preferred against that Officer. Major General Guy who is invested with the administration of all Military matters in China and Japan could hardly have made the necessary investigation before he permitted this Officer being brought to trial. So absurd are the charges that the general opinion entertained in the Colony is that the statement made by Dr Woodward in his defense is correct. It is quite apparent for some reason or other there must be a great animosity towards Dr Woodward on the part of some one. Of course opinions as to its cause are very varied but I have heard of one which seems to have grounds.

Mr Hyde is supposed to be mentally deranged, and is, it appears the Officer who brought the Itchibun scandal to light. Dr Woodward is apparently anxious to prove his sanity, but it is stated that the Commandant for reasons best known to himself would not allow Dr Woodward to carry out the treatment he considered necessary in Mr Hyde's case. Most of our readers will be able to put two and two together and the sum I wish to add up is, has the Itchibun question anything to say to the late Courts Martial on Dr Woodward? This is a subject well worthy of the Sublime Porte. Prince Charles of Hohenzollern has sent an envoy to the Sultan, informing him that he will in every way keep within the terms of the treaties.

London, 13th June.—From America we learn that two bodies of armed Fenians have crossed the Niagara and captured Fort Erie, engaging Canadian Volunteers. Two regiments of Regulars moving against the Fenians whose retreat has been cut off.

London, 14th June.—Johnson has issued a proclamation against the Fenians. The Federal authorities have arrested Roberts, Sweeney, and four hundred raiders.

London, 15th June.—Fenians defeated in America by Canadian troops. Roberts and Sweeney arrested. Canadian troops moving to frontier.

London, 26th June.—Military revolt in Madrid promptly suppressed.

COMMERCIAL.

London, 12th June.—Mercantile Bank £32 per share. Oriental Bank £35 per share. The Universal Banking Corporation has suspended.

Manchester firm.—Shirting 12s. Twist 20d.

London, 13th June.—Cotton very firm. Cocanut oil £44 15s. Coffee, Plantation middling, 73 to 75s, good native 58s 9d. Silver sixty-two pence.

London, 14th June.—The Bank returns show a large increase in reserve notes and bullion.

London, 17th June.—Cotton quiet. Drapery Total Cotton lost, 650,000 bales. Government has notified that advanced on Government securities in India should be repayable there.

Stock of Cotton, one million forty thousand and bales. Manchester market drooping—Madras Cotton 9d.

London, 19th June.—Cotton depressed. Manchester market drooping.

London, 20th June.—Cotton quiet. Sales 8,000 bales. Dhollera 1d. General financial position extremely critical.

London, 21st June.—Fair Dhollera 8d.

Market dull, heavy no demand, in favor of sellers. Sales 8,000 bales. Bengal Cotton, oil 15d. new 6d. Discount 10 percent.

The Shareholders of the Consolidated Bank have resolved to raise an additional capital. The Bank resumes operations on the 5th June.

London, 22nd June.—Cotton firmer. Native Cotton very dull. Plantation and Native Coffee declined three shillings. Coconut Oil £44 10s.

Fair Dhollera 8d. Cotton more marketable. 1d. in favor of sellers. Bengal Cotton 5d. Fair Western unchanged, no thing doing. Imports 5,000 bales. Stock, 104,000 bales. Manchester, more cheerful, little doing. 7lb Shirtings 10s. 9d. No. 40 Mule Twist 1s 4d. Indian Securities, Four per cent, 8d. Bar Silver 62d to 62 1/2. Exchange 1d. nominal. Slight improvement in funds.

London, 23rd June.—Cotton active and advancing. Agra Bank agreed to voluntary liquidation—Assets nine; Liabilities eight—loses one million.

25th JUNE.—Cotton firm and advancing.

London, 25th June.—Cotton firm, advancing.

London, 26th June.—Cotton quiet.

Native, 5d. 6s.

BOMBAY, 21st June.—Bank of Bombay shares (Rs. 1,000 paid up) 43 per cent discount. Asiatic Bank shares (Rs. 100 paid up) Rs. 25 each. Financial Association of Indian and China shares (Rs. 100 paid up) Rs. 13 each. Great distrust prevailing.

BOMBAY, 22nd June.—Bank of Bombay 31 per cent discount. Elphinstone's 545. Asiatic Bank shares 60. Back Bays 1,700. Considerable business done.

BOMBAY, 27th June.—5½ per cent. Government Paper 105—4 per cent 89½. Money Market distrust continues. Bank bills 2s 0d. Documents 2s 1d. to 2s 1d. Credits 2s 0d. Fair Dhollera 28s 8s per candy. Freights 7s 6d. 7 lb. Shirtings Rs. 7-2 per piece, firm, but quiet. No. 40 Yarn, 17s annas per lb. Bombay Bank Shares 26 per cent discount. Asiatic old 35—new 14 per share. Central Bank 24. Orientals 5 premium, firm. Much enquiry at the Bombay Bank.

THE Spanish fleet consisting of six vessels under Admiral Nunez, have been repulsed at Callao. The Admiral himself is reported wounded in eight places.

London, 18th June.—Change of Italian Ministry. Kiosoli, President of the Council, Murmura accompanies the King.

Prussia seceded from Confederation. Garibaldi is in Copen. (9)

London, 19th JUNE.—The Saxon and Hanoverian troops have effected a junction with the Austrian Army. Garibaldi has arrived at Copen.

London, 18th June.—Prussians occupy Hanover, Dresden, Hanoverians, Saxons joined Austria. (9) King of Prussia and Emperor of Austria have issued manifesto justifying conduct.

Prussia and Italy have formally declared war against Austria. Communication with the seat of war interrupted. An engagement before Frankfort took place between the Austrians and Prussians; advantage gained by the latter. The 4th Darmstadt Regiment was nearly annihilated by the Prussians.

The Spanish fleet is later than those published in the Straits Times, and has been kindly sent us from the office of a contemporary.

29th June.

7lb. 12s.

40s. Yarn 1s 8.

Discount 10 per cent.

Italians abandoned possession on the Po.

Italians beaten Austrians in Bohemia.

Hanoverians surrendered to Prussia.

2nd July.

8lb. 1d.

14s. Yarn 1s 8.

THE CHINA MAIL.

19.—JULY 26, 1866.
the ministerial branches could no
longer be told of the great discontent
by the intention of the municipality
to deprive us of our beautiful gardens
and parks. Students, old men and hun-
dred sent in a petition to the Emperor,
but his veto on the measure; the
best that His Majesty has decided
nothing shall be done to it in any
of the greatest ornaments of the
marked that it is now by no means
the Imperial table of the Tuilleries
functionaries, such as prefects, pres-
idents of law, procurors general D. C.,
recently inaugurated by their Ma-
jesty to know individually as much as
high officials of the departments,
one of them arrives in Paris, as he
is immediately given to the Emper-
or, invites the persons to dine at the
table the latter is usually placed
the Empress, and presented to the
who, par parades, since the re-
gime, has always dined with their
Emperor converses freely with the
provinces and listens with inter-
concerning it.

"I give the plaintiff a Decree for \$130
and costs."

Mr Barnard applied to appeal
His Honor granted leave.

NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

PFR STEAMER "GANGES".

From the N. C. Daily News.

We regret to learn that the *Antelope* got ashore on Friday in the seventh section of the river. She floated again with the returning tide, but had to incur the additional expense of a tug to take her down the river, turn her, and bring her back to her anchorage. Yesterday the *Batavia* grounded on the same spot. This river would appear to be shoaling at this point and, if this is desirable that some information on the subject should be given.

NINGPO.

The latest phase of the Chinhai riot, we hear, is a demand by the Taotai that one man out of every fishing boat concerned in the disturbance shall be given up to be beheaded.

Whether or not this demand will be submitted to, appears problematical, as the Fuchow men seem well able to protect themselves. The punishment appears rather severe, even in a Chinese point of view,

for attempting to resist a too heavy queue.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]

Most painful news has just been received from the Kingdom of Corea. On the 7th instant, a Korean junk with the French tricolor at one of the mast heads, was observed entering the harbour. It brought the Reverend Abba Ridel, Catholic Missionary, and eleven Corean Christians, who had fled from that country on account of the persecution now raging there by order of the father of the King, against the Christian churches. Mr Ridel reports that in the month of February last, the King received intelligence that the Russians had crossed his frontier, and that they were holding intercourse with his subjects.

At the same time the Corean embassy in China informed their sovereign that the Chinese had murdered two Catholic missionaries, and that it would be well to imitate this example.

Upon this, a general order was issued to apprehend all the Catholic Mis-

sionaries (there being no other Missionaries) and to exterminate the Christians. Two French bishops and seven priests were arrested, and after having been cruelly tortured were beheaded.

As a special favor a request by some of the missionaries to be excommunicated on Good Friday, was acceded to.

They are now a dead letter, as cabin'd, crib'd, confined in a hole now a days nobody cares for the performance given a few days ago

in commemoration of the great Cornille, the players wasted on the desert air and performed to

"falling off was there."

In Kai and Mars, what would you see what attracts the French public

now? The theatres where tragedy and comedy

are performed have been almost

closed by the public, our minor theatres,

and senseless extravaganzas draw

on a tamer who is still a greater lion

his own is running a successful career

pleon; a few days ago, one of his

pieces out of his shoulder, which

him for a few days and prevented

the public.

and spectacle has now replaced La

at the Chatelet and will no doubt

the summer.

SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

July 24, 1866.

WHITE, Esq., Acting Judge.

Medieval v. The Agra Bank.

gave Judgment as follows:

—case the plaintiff seeks to re-

m. of \$130 being the amount

Bank Notes made by the Agra

Bank payable here, but

he was unable to get

sequence of the Bank having

careful consideration of the

come to the conclusion that

is entitled to a Decree for the

ed.

part of the defendants an at-

made to show that they were

the plaintiff, but, Bank Notes

and purposes, money,

er of such notes is the person

is entitled to be paid the

assessed by them, although he

peculiar case has an action

the party from whom he

is noted.

the Bank is clearly liable

ff. It is, however, contended

had suspended payment and

therefore that the plaintiff

with the other creditors of

them, and prove his debt in the

ever, by no means clear that

the legal of Bankruptcy as

Ordinance No. 5 of 1864, an

Company can become Bank-

it perfectly settled that it

I do not see how the manager

Bank, can by any act of his,

company, of which he is merely

bankrupt.

hard on behalf of the defen-

ced to give in evidence a Tele-

Mr Anderson had received

that the Head Bank in London

paid. That, however,

receive on two grounds; in the

because, I know of no case in

which such evidence has been allowed, and in the second place the Telegram did not

port to come direct from the Agra Bank in London, but from a firm in Calle. However, even if I had admitted it I do not see in what respect my decision would have been different. The fact that the Agra and Mesterman's Bank has suspended payment is not likely to be disputed, and it will of course be soon wound up under the provisions of the Companies Act (25 and 26 Victoria, Ch. 89). It does not, however, necessarily follow that it will be wound up in Bankruptcy, and in any case the English acts do not extend here."

"The law affecting branches here of Companies Incorporated at home is in a complicated and unsatisfactory state, and demands grave consideration.

There is one provision especially, of the companies act which for the security of residents here and in other Colonies should be rendered general, and that is sect. 182 by which Banking companies issuing notes in the United Kingdom are subject to an unlimited liability in respect of such issue, and then, cases like the present one, would not be brought before the Court.

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unprovided with artillery or even muskets, and a very slight demonstration would suffice to induce submission. Mr Ridel will most probably go to Pekin, and it is to be hoped that the British minister will not lose such an opportunity as this to ask, in conjunction with the French minister, for the opening of the Corea to European intercourse. This will be the surest way to prevent the recurrence of such lamentable events. The Corean junk remains here during the journey of Mr Ridel to Tientsin and Pekin, and is an object of great curiosity on the part of the inhabitants of this port.

TELEGRAMS have been received via Kiaochu to the 17th July, five days later than those brought by the mail, to the following effect:

European Silk Crop expected to be double of last year. Silk declined 25 per cent.

POLITICS.

The riot at Chinhai appears becoming more serious. Some 250 or 300 fishing boats said to have assembled, had almost blockaded the port. Various free fights have occurred between the opposing parties, in which success has been nearly equally balanced in the sense that defeats and victories have alternated. The origin of the disturbance appears to be an undue squeeze levied by the mandarins, which the fishermen resent.

THE TIMES ROCK, situated to the north-eastward of the Lamock Islands, originally reported by Mr ANDERSON of the schooner *Times* (*vide* China Pilot, p. 104), and on which several vessels have recently struck, is a dangerous coral pinnacle with only 9 feet over it at low water. From the North Rock bears N. 38° E., instead of N. 22° E., and the island between North Rock and East Lamock island bears from the south-east point of East Lamock Island N. 29° E. instead of N. 15° E., as shown on the chart (*See Admiralty Chart, Namo Island*, N. 1,937). The distances shown in the chart are correct. The south-east extremity of North Lamock Island is in line with the south-east extremity of North Rock on the bearing S. 42° W. instead of S. 25° W.

From the north-east point of North Rock the observed true bearing of Dome Island was found to be N. 67° 50' W., agreeing from 1863, \$25,780.

Amoy shows an increase in imports during 1865 of \$3,555,091; and a decrease in exports of \$1,074,453. Re-exports advanced over 1864 to the extent of \$450,579; and the amount of duties collected fell off \$2,931. In Shipping and Tonnage there has been very large increase. In 1864, 661 vessels, registering 210,539 tons, entered the port, whilst in 1865 there were no less than 802 vessels, registering 276,819 tons, being an augmentation of 141 vessels, and 66,280 tons.

From the port of Takow, Formosa, the information is somewhat meagre, owing to the officer in charge of Customs there having been only a short time at his post.

To avoid this danger the angle subtended by the Lamock Islands should not be greater than 10°, when the High Lamock is shut in.

The *Times*, and other vessels, placed this rock farther from the islands, but on nearly the same bearing as given above.

The distance, which with them must have been measured, was carefully measured from the gun boat *Drake* whilst at anchor on the rock. Its position as marked on the Admiralty Chart from the authority of Mr ANDERSON was sounder over, but no danger could be discovered, and the fishermen, who were offered a reward to point out any other rocks, assert that none other exist in that vicinity.

THE MACKINNON ROCK, in the channel between Namo and the Lamock Islands, on which the *Ellen Rodger*, struck in 1862, is a dangerous coral pinnacle with only 5 feet on it at low water. From it the north-west point of Plat Island bears 6° W., distant three quarters of a mile, the east extremity of Oate Rock S. 14° E. 1½ miles, the apex of Raft Rock S. 50° E. 2 miles, and the apex of Dome Island N. 65° E. 2½ miles.

Mr Boxer, master in command of H. M. S. *Hesper*, reported another rock in this channel a little to the eastward of the Mackinon Rock. This danger was searched for in the *Drake*, without success and the fishermen most positively asserted that no other rock than the Mackinon exists in the Channel. We are therefore of opinion that Mr Boxer, must have seen the Mackinon rock, the difference in position may be ascribed to the fact of the *Hesper* being an iron vessel, and in consequence, the bearing taken from her compassed cannot be implicitly relied on.

To avoid this danger vessels entering the channel from the westward should not bring Plat Island to the westward of S. W. by S. whilst Dome island is northward of an E. by N. bearing; when Oate rock bears S. W. by E. they are to the eastward of the Mackinon rock and can haul to the southward.

Entering the channel from the eastward after passing Dome Island, steer to the northward until it bears E. by N., keeping it on that bearing until Plat Island bears S. W. by S.

T. H. TIZARD,
Master R.N., and Chief Assistant Surveyor of H.M.S. *Riflemen*.

pose of searching for certain rocks in the neighbourhood of that port, the result is hereby made known for general information.

JNO. WM. REED,
Master Commanding H.M.S. *Riflemen*,
and in charge of China Sea Survey.
Hongkong, 20th July, 1866.

HYDROGRAPHIC NOTICE,
CHINA.
EAST COAST, SHEET 3 AND NAMOA ISLAND,
VARIATION 0°.

LAMOCK ISLANDS.—The two small islands north-eastward of the East Lamock island, with reference to East Lamock island, incorrectly laid down on the chart; they should be farther to the south-eastward. Assuming East Lamock island to be correctly laid down; from its south-east point the North Rock bears N. 38° E., instead of N. 22° E., and the island between North Rock and East Lamock island bears from the south-east point of East Lamock Island N. 29° E. instead of N. 15° E., as shown on the chart (*See Admiralty Chart, Namo Island*, N. 1,937).

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